THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A Unified time table for routes to be plied by both D.T.C. and Private buses was accepted after a detailed Techno-feasibility survey was conducted. This survey recommended plying of DTC & Private buses in 40:60 ratio. Unified time table which was prepared in consultation with DTC has since been issued.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The frequency of most of the routes under the unified time table scheme operated by DTC/Private Operators is 12/24 minutes during peak/non-peak hours respectively.

National Road Policy

571. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of the National Road Policy announced by Government recently;

(b) whether a minimum 16 per cent return has been guaranteed to foreign investors;

(c) what are the details of BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) basis construction of roads;

(d) whether Indian Companies would also be allowed to avail of the opportunity; and

(e) whether full labour employed is also being assured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) The Government is contemplating to invite private sector participation from Indian and foreign nationals for development, maintenance and operation of national Highways. Under the scheme, the private companies, including foreign investors will be asked to develop a highway facility from their own resources and will be granted permission to collect fees from the user for a specified period whereafter the facility will revert to the Government. Government is not contemplating a guaranteed rate of return. The method of construction and the nature of employment will be left to the discretion of the entrepreneur.

Introduction of more buses in Delhi

572. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to ply a large number of buses in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of buses proposed to be introduced on different routes in Delhi and New Delhi;

(c) the date from which the new fleet of buses would be introduced; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have intimated that it is their endeavour to provide sufficient number of buses and other means of mass transport commensurate with the increasing number of commuters. The number of buses required is reviewed from time to time and appropriate decision taken to introduce more buses keeping in view the fleet strength of Delhi Transport Corporation. The present ratio of DTC and private operated buses to 40:60.